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SUBJ: PANAM APRIL 22 CRASH: RECOVERY OF AIRCRAFT PARTS

REF: JAKARTA 5123

1. IT IS NOW CLEAR AS A RESULT OF EMBASSY'S DISCUSSIONS WITH NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE W L LAMB, WHO CAME TO JAKARTA APRIL 29 AT OUR REQUEST TO DISCUSS RECOVERY OF AIRCRAFT PARTS, THAT A MORE DETAILED INVESTIGATION OF CRASH SITE IS NEEDED TO DETERMINE WHAT EQUIPMENT IS NEEDED FOR RECOVERING ESSENTIAL PARTS OF AIRCRAFT.

2. EMBASSY HAS THEREFORE DECIDED, WITH CONCURRENCE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND HANKAM, AND BALI MILITARY

AUTHORITIES, TO SEND SMALL SURVEY TEAM OF MISSION EXPERTS TO BALI TODAY VIA ATTACHE AIRCRAFT TO VISIT CRASH SITE WITH LOCAL INDONESIAN BATALION COMMANDER AND ASCERTAIN SCOPE OF RECOVERY OPERATON AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED. MISSION TEAM CONSISTS OF AIR ATTACHE, AND TWO DLG OFFICERS WITH COMBINED TECHNICAL AND ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE AND INDONESIAN LANGUAGE CAPABILITY.

3. TEAM WILL ESTIMATE VARIOUS MEANS OF EXTRACTING ESSENTIAL AIRCRAFT PARTS FROM DEEP RAVINE WHERE TAIL SECTION, FLIGHT RECORDER, AND, APPARENTLY, OTHER PARTS ARE LOCATED. POSSIBILITIES APPEAR TO INCLUDE LIFTING BY HELICOPTER CRANE, BY WINCH MOUNTED AT TOP OF RAVINE, AND/OR MANUAL EXTRACTION OF SOME PARTS, USING CUTTING TOOLS. TEAM WILL ALSO STUDY POSSIBILITY AND NEED FOR PREPARING HELICOPTER PAD IN THICK FORESTAREA AT TOP OF RAVINE AND REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSPORTING NECESSARY EQUIPMENT TO SITE, WHICH IS SEVEN-HOUR WALK FROM NEAREST ROAD.

4. LAMB RETURNING TO BALI THIS MORNING IN ADVANCE OF MISSION TEAM TO ASSIST IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR SURVEY OPERATION WITH GOI AUTHORITIES THERE. TEAM WILL HOPEFULLY COMPLETE SURVEY BY THURSDAY AND RETURN TO JAKARTA LATE THURSDAY OR FRIDAY. ON THEIR RETURN, EMBASSY WILL SEND COMPLETE LIST OF EQUIPMENT NEEDED THAT IS NOT AVAILABLE IN COUNTRY FOR EXTRACTION OPERATION.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: COST OF RECOVERY OPERATION COULD BE SUBSTANTIAL, AS NOTED REFTEL, AND GOI WILL LIKELY ASSUME THAT USG OR PANAM (OR BOTH) WILL BEAR COSTS FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE. EMBASSY THEREFORE NEEDS DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON FINANCING RECOVERY OPERATION. EMBASSY WILL ALSO REQUIRE REIMBURSEMENT FOR COST OF SURVEY OPERATION DESCRIBED ABOVE.

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